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Grace Notes

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God in Creation

Where Have You Seen God in Creation?

During this Season of Creation, you are invited to share a short testimony of a time you've seen or experience God in creation.

Each Sunday, near the start of worship, Pastor will invite people to share their stories. Like a conversation with friends at lunch, the stories do not have to be rehearsed; they simply come from the heart. Who will share their story this week?

**God has shown up in your life.
Come ready to tell others about your
God-moments.**

Sherry talked about the first time she helped birth a baby. Pastor shared about the awe and majesty on the south side of Masada.



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Reformation Partnership

CELEBRATING MT. ZION'S PARTNERSHIP WITH REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mission of the Month – Reformation Lutheran Church Partnership

In September Mt. Zion Lutheran is partnering with Reformation Lutheran Church in Milwaukee as our Mission of the Month. Reformation serves a diverse community in the city, offering worship, youth programs, providing cleaning supplies (Sonshine Pantry) and support for new moms and babies (Strong Mother/Strong Baby), and other outreach to neighbors in need. Together, we share in Christ's call to love and serve others.

Thank you for Mt. Zion for your support for Reformation's Summer Youth Ministry, SALT – Serving and Learning Together which brought together 50 youth to work in the Reformation neighborhood and for older students sent them to summer internships in the community.

Our donations help to support this program and Mt. Zion also provided lunches for one of the weeks of this ministry.

Our gifts make a difference as they directly support Reformation's ministries—helping them sustain worship, strengthen children and youth programs, and extend hospitality to those facing daily challenges in their neighborhood.

Mark your calendar for Blessing Sunday, October 18 at the 10 am worship service at Reformation Lutheran Church to celebrate the Reformation church partnerships.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this important partnership.

Special offerings marked "September Mission of the Month" or donating online (indicating Mission of the Month and adding Reformation in the memo line) will go toward Reformation Lutheran Church. Let us join in lifting up our sisters and brothers in Christ as we grow together in faith and service.

A box to collect cleaning supplies and children clothing from babies to size 16 for Reformation will be in the Narthex during September.

Thank you! Mt. Zion Outreach

September 20 to September 27

Sun Sept 20	9:30am Worship Service <u>Zoom ID: 841 6597 2335</u> <u>Passcode: 12012</u> <i>Season of Creation Liturgy Continues</i> 10:40am God's Work. Our Hands.
Mon Sept 21	6:00pm Leadership Board Meeting 7:00pm NA 12 Step Group Fellowship Hall
Tues Sept 22	Noon AA 12 Steps Meeting Upper Room 6:30pm Hands of AA 12-Step Upper Room
Wed Sept 23	12:00pm Brown Bag Bible Study 1:00pm Prayer Warriors 1:00pm Tosa Cares Donation Drop-Off 6:30pm Voices of Zion Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Festival Bells Handbell Rehearsal
Thurs Sept 24	7:00pm Stewardship Meeting
Friday Sept 25	12:00pm Mayfair AA Group 6:00pm ACA 12 Step Group Room 100 6:00pm Young Adults Group Off-Site
Sat Sept 26	
Sun Sept 27	9:30am Worship Service 10:40am God's Work. Our Hands.
Next Week	Book Club Women of Heart Bible Study

Commemorations

Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF)

Sunday, September 20, 2026

A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.

Volunteers for September 20

Altar Care: Andy and Jen Johnston

Assisting Minister: Lora Marheine

Acolyte: Isabella Riccaboni

Lector: Jenny Hawes

Communion bread: Jenny H.

Communion wine: Bob Young, Refilwe Magasa-Bockhorst, Lora M.

Ushers: Angela and James Riccaboni

Audio/Visual: Janet McCarthy and Gabby Riccaboni

Greeters: Ruth McGill and Nancy Kohl

Tellers: Roy Durrenberg and John Link

Access the Worship Volunteer Schedule at: bit.ly/4jEMCPf

HEAR OUR PRAYERS

Join in and lift up our community's prayers of concern and thanksgiving. Prayer warriors meet Wednesdays at 1:00pm. Or you can pray at home as you're able:

<https://bit.ly/4j0emzo>

Need Prayer? Contact Pastor Tyler

414-258-0456

pastor@mtzionlutheran.org

Fill out a card in church or at the prayer box

Submit a request online: mtzionlutheran.org

After High School?

Many of you are beginning to think about what you're going to do after high school or are in full swing making plans for what's next. As you consider the next steps on the adventure known as life, I'd like you to include in your considerations that 28 Lutheran colleges and universities across the country, including Carthage located just down the road in Kenosha.

Check out all the Lutheran colleges and universities at:

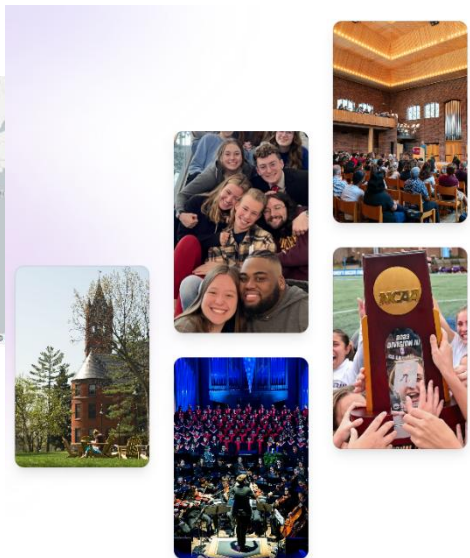
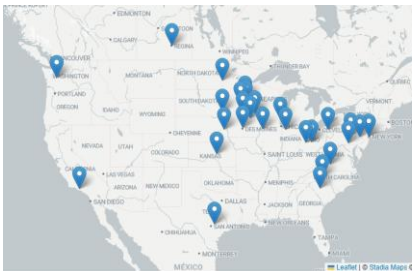
<https://www.necuelca.org/institutions> and

Watch this short video about “Why Go Lutheran?”:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HLAdYxotJYM>

And check out this simple brochure:

https://cdn.elca.org/cdn/wp-content/uploads/Your_Values_Our_Values.pdf!!!



Peace in Israel and Palestine

The World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel is an annual World Council of Churches event held during the third week of September. This year from Saturday 20 to Friday 26 September. The week aims to encourage people of faith to pray for, and work towards, an end to Israeli oppression and allowing both Palestinians and Israelis to live in peace.

Why are Israel and Palestine fighting?

While the nuanced and violent history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict dates back decades, you can read a summary here:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ckgr71z0jp4o>

See facts and figures regarding attacks that have taken place since the October 2025 Ceasefire was implemented

here: globalconflicttracker and here: <https://www.aljazeera.com>

How can I have difficult conversations about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict? Visit the Alliance for Middle East Peace:

<https://www.allmep.org/allmep-resources/a-brief-guide-to-facilitating-difficult-conversations/>

How can I tell the difference between criticism of Israel and comments that are anti-semitic? Visit The Jewish Community Relations Council:

<https://jcrc.org/blog/criticism-of-israel-vs-antisemitism/>

Food, medicine, shelter,
And mental health care
are still scarce in Palestine.

Consider donating to

[Lutheran Disaster Response](#)

to provide help throughout
the Middle East.



Every Child Matters

Save Our Date



A walk to build awareness
and to educate ourselves,
to remember the children
of Indian Boarding Schools,
and to begin the process of
finding truth and healing.
Come learn about the school
that operated in Milwaukee
from 1877 until 1978.

OCT 3

2026 MKE
EVERY CHILD MATTERS WALK

Join us for the Walk of Awareness—a Call To Action to confront the painful legacy of the Milwaukee Indian Boarding School, which operated for 101 years in Milwaukee, WI. This is more than a walk—it is a movement to uncover the truths about the forced assimilation, cultural erasure, and generational trauma endured by our ancestors. We honor the past generations of boarding school students with awareness, strength and resilience.

If you don't know your family boarding school story, this event will help make what happened in Milwaukee a story we all inherit.

Our journey begins at 6:45 a.m. with a Sunrise Ceremony, followed by a Water Ceremony, as we set our intentions for healing, truth-telling & reconciliation. We are asking for our runners to cover the initial 6 miles, relay-style. The pace will be between 8:30 and 10 minutes a mile. When runners arrive at our rendezvous point, we will walk the rest of the way, 7 miles relay style, along sidewalks & roadways, carrying the Eagle Staff and the Every Child Matters flag.

Walkers are expected to arrive at Indian Community School by 11:30am. If you're unable to join the full walk, we encourage you to meet us at the school as community greets the runners and walkers - after the light meal we will have informational programming and afterwards, a lacrosse game to bring people together.

Indian Community School
10405 W St Martins Rd, Franklin, WI 53132-2421

Water Conservation Ideas



Modified Field Shower

- 1) Turn on shower to get wet.
- 2) Wash and condition hair
- 3) Turn off water
- 4) Wash body/shave/exfoliate/etc
- 5) Turn water back on to rinse off
- 6) Turn off water then dry off

Don't Follow the Crowd

Avoid using AI for all those viral trends to “see what you’d look like as...”

Gather the Droplets

Put a bucket under the faucet to catch the water that runs while the shower gets up to temperature. Use that non-soapy water in your garden or for house cleaning.

Ease up the Pressure

Adjust the amount of water that comes out of your faucet.

Bathroom Habits

Have you ever heard the phrase, “If it’s brown, flush it down. If it’s yellow, let it mellow”? This one depends entirely on your comfort level, but if you can get over the gross factor to do this at home, you can save several gallons of water every day. Flush if there’s feces or menstrual blood in the bowl. If there’s only urine, wait to flush.

Save the Date

Milwaukee Innercity
Congregations Allied for Hope



**FAITHFUL.
FEARLESS.
FOCUSED.**

A MICAH Public Meeting

OCT. 22

Doors Open at 5pm

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Register for Address

» Reception

» Voter
Information

» Community Issues
and Action

Register here:

<https://www.mobilize.us/micahmke/event/1017203/>

414-264-0805

www.micahmke.org

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Jessica R. 9/1	Carter D. 9/15	Tina K. 9/21
Sara B. 9/3	William F. 9/16	Brent D. 9/21
Talula J. 9/4	Misty S. 9/16	Jena N. 9/21
Grace C. 9/4	Nora P. 9/17	Jordan T. 9/24
PJ B. 9/5	Marja K. 9/17	Abby P. 9/24
Dave B. 9/7	Michael B. 9/18	Karen E. 9/26
Dave N. 9/7	Mike M. 9/18	Francesca R. 9/27
Dan S. 9/8	Jessica P. 9/18	Joey S. 9/28
Dave M. 9/12	Charlotte W. 9/19	Pete P. 9/28
Devin T. 9/14	Michele M. 9/20	Jonathan F. 9/29
Gary G. 9/15		Mavis R. 9/30

Anniversaries

Dick and Judy M. 9/3	Bob and Nancy S. 9/20
Robert and Mary J. 9/4	Kevin and Kira S. 9/23
John and Lauryl P. 9/6	James and Angela R. 9/26
Dave and Vicki N. 9/8	Rich and Rondi D. 9/27
Mark H. and Debbie K. 9/12	John and Donna W. 9/27
Jim and Pat G. 9/17	

Thank You!

Karen fixed a flashing light on our phones! For an entire week a red light had been blinking on our phone console and several people couldn't figure out why it was blinking or how to get rid of it, but Karen got it to disappear. Woohoo!!!

Thank you to all our front desk volunteers who are really stepping up on various maintenance tasks around the building while we look to fill our maintenance position. (Jasmine moved to Georgia and is getting settled in to their new place).

At Mt Zion we are
Joyfully growing disciples in Christ
so that
Everyone we meet comes to know themselves as a
reflection of
God's image, worthy of life and love
by prioritizing
Faith Community
Hospitality Justice

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